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Letter dated 10 July 2000 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Yugoslavia to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

I have been instructed by my Government to advise that four grenades were fired from southern Kosovska Mitrovica into the refugee camp housing 300 Roma in northern Kosovska Mitrovica in the night of 7 July 2000. In the attack, 12-year-old R. Neziri was severely wounded, while 19-year-old I. Sedak and 9-year-old V. Baktiri sustained somewhat lesser injuries.

I recall that in June last year ethnic Albanian extremists completely destroyed the Roma quarter of the town in southern Kosovska Mitrovica, expelling 8,000 Roma of whom 300 have found refuge in the camp in the northern part of the town. Ever since its establishment the camp has been the target of attacks and provocations from southern Albanian Kosovska Mitrovica.

The latest attack provides telling evidence that, rather than being isolated and individual, these attacks fall within the overall pattern of the terror of ethic Albanian extremists, concentrated on enclaves of non-Albanians, aimed at speeding up the ethnic cleansing of Kosovo and Metohija. They were preceded by the shelling of Velika Hoca on 5 July, while Gorazdevac was hit on 8 July. Eight persons were injured in these shellings, including two children. Alongside the recent discoveries of huge caches of weapons, the attacks also show that the so-called Kosovo Liberation Army has not been demilitarized and disarmed.

The attacks prove that the Kosovo Force (KFOR) and the United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo (UNMIK) are incapable of ensuring security for all residents of Kosovo and Metohija, as mandated by Security Council resolution 1244 (1999) of 10 June 1999. So far no perpetrator of the criminal acts has been apprehended, which proves that, by the failure to take action and by turning a blind eye, the international presences have sided themselves with the criminals and their goals. Such an attitude is in line with the policy of holding elections in Kosovo and Metohija, although it is evident that there exist no conditions for free and fair elections in this southern Serbian province.

The Government of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia calls on the Security Council to condemn those acts and to take all necessary measures to arrest the perpetrators and protect the remaining non-Albanian population of Kosovo and Metohija from escalating terror and vandalism.

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I should be grateful if you would have the present letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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